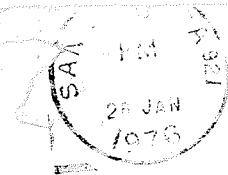


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Hello Tim!

Hope these few lines find you as well, or better, as when I left you. Give my regards to all the fellows, especially to Ed & The Chief, and pass a kiss on to Joanna.

The D.A. opposed my returning to San Diego, so here I am. Things are going according to the Print Out we read and reread. I feel like an idea whose time has come.

I wanted you to see the enclosed interview I did with the Barb—if no one has sent it to you by now.

Hope all goes well with you and yours. Keep broadcasting positive vibes. They're needed. Save me a seat on the moon. The sun also rises.

Coasting in a holding
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Dear Timothy:

What a pleasure it is to hear from you - and at such a propitious moment! I ran into some people at Southern Utah University whom you had encountered. It's really great.

G - Sgt Pratt - was mentioning to me exactly the meetings you mentioned in your letter. He'll be really happy to know that you want to help him get out.

I thought a new departure was called for. In being deeply aware of what happened to the Black Panther Party, it was clear that by identifying Pratt as "Geronimo The Black Panther" he was being crucified. It is not who he is. Yes, he became Geronimo the Black Panther, but before that he was Sgt. Pratt, a highly decorated Vietnam veteran of the 82nd Airborne Division. He served two volunteer tours of duty. When Martin Luther King Jr was killed, Pratt was in combat in Vietnam. One month later, he was honorably discharged and back in a burning and rioting America. He rode the Grey Hound Bus from Fort Bragg, North Carolina to his home town of Morgan City, La. When he got off the bus, he learned that Robert Kennedy had been shot and killed.

After spending a few days with his proud family, he decided to attend UCLA, under the promptings of one of his sisters, and drove with her across America, traveling by a circuitous route that took them

through many major Cities, including New York, Detroit, North Carolina, Chicago (just in time to watch The Police Riots), and ended up in Los Angeles.

In September, he enrolled in UCLA. He took up one class that was offered relating to uplifting the Black Community. It turned out that several members of the Black Panther Party were also enrolled in this same class, including Bunchy Carter.

Unknown to either Pratt or the Black Panthers, J. Edgar Hoover, during that very same month of September, gave the official order to destroy the Black Panther Party with COINTELPRO. All this is well documented. Pratt walked into a situation and the FBI knew that he didn't realize what was going on and we have FPI documents enough to blow it all sky high. We can prove that he was framed.

Timothy, You certainly are welcome to help and you can be of great help. We are launching our new effort under the umbrella of THE SGT PRATT FREEDOM TASK FORCE. This is all basically my approach. I've been visiting Pratt since 1976 and urging the approach that I am now using. The "Amerikkka Clique" that used to be around his case turned up their noses at me and threatened to stop working on G's case if I attended the meetings. Last year, one of them slipped an said to G that they sure were going to be able to have a very large and special event when his 20th anniversary in prison rolled around, ending lamely with a remark about how fast time flies.

Around that time Pratt had a very strange dream. He had received The Soldiers Medal, a very high honor, for heroic action in rescuing five people from a helicopter crash in dangerous territory (see

attached documents re military citations). In his dream, he was in this helicoptor situation. As he pulled each of the five out, he noticed that each of them had the face of one of President Reagan's Cabinet Members. Then, an assassinated Black Panther, Bunchy Carter, who was both of our best friend, spoke to him in the dream, telling him that one of the people whom he rescued from the helicoptor is in a high position in the Reagan administration, and that if he finds that man, that man will get him out of prison. Bunchy told him to get in touch with me, tell me the dream, and I would find the man. Well, the Army has so far refused to give us that information. So one of the things you can help us do is discover this mystery person. Lot's of possibilities there.

A great thing you could do is get your cut buddy, G. Gordon Liddy, an ex-FBI Agent, to call for Pratt's release. We are preparing for a press Conference in Los Angeles in mid-February. It will be heavy. Kathleen, who testified at G's originol trial, will come out from Yale to participate. Attornies. Amnesty International. And others. It would be even greater if you and G. Gordon Liddy and others - why don't we really do it up and put something together that will be worthy of the situation?

I'm going up to visit G. Tomorrow. He'll be very encouraged to know that you want to help.

The purpose of the Task Force is limited to obtaining Pratt's release. We are not out to overthrow the government. We demanding that the FBI come clean and get off it.. Pratt even has retired FBI agents with bad consciouses testifying for him.

We are just preparing our fist literature to be ready for the press conference. We want to set up as much meadia as possible to really get this across to the American people in a hurry. This is an ideal time because of the gubernatorial election between Bradley and Duekmajian, because Bradley was LAPD and, as Attorney General, Duke was found guilty of suppressing information and working with the FBI against Pratt. This is a hairy can of worms that these guys have to eat - crow is too good for them!

So I'm sending you our organizing package. Will send more later and will be talking to you very soon.

I've enclosed 20 envelopes hoping that you could pass them on to 20 people and ask them to send us some seed money to get off the ground.

Time wise, a few days before Christmas 1985, I visited G's mother in Morgan City and promised her that her baby would be out of prison by next Christmas. I intend to keep that promise. Six months to get the information out to the world. Six months to crunch.

I have so much to talk to you about, I think I'll just shut up for now. Let me hear back from you soon. Until then, I remain

Your Old Jailer And Friend,

Eldridge Cleaver
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Happy New Year!